



The Georgia Senate *This Week*

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Senate, House members get together in support of Delta Air Lines

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embers of the Georgia General Assembly gathered together on Monday to announce they are sending a letter to U.S. Attorney **Alberto Gonzales** to ensure that his office conducts a full and careful review of US Airways hostile bid to take over hometown carrier Delta Air Lines.

Lt. Gov. **Casey Cagle**, House Speaker **Glenn Richardson**, Senate and House Transportation Chairmen Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd and Rep. **Vance Smith** of the 129th and Senate and House Economic Development Chairmen Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51st and



Rep. **Ron Stephens** of the 164th joined with Delta's Chief Financial Officer **Ed Bastian** today to praise Delta and her employees as they work to re-emerge as an independent, stand-alone airline.

"Delta, like Coca-Cola and Home Depot is a part of Georgia's economic success story," Sen. **Mullis** said during a press conference this morning. "Delta has

opened the door to the world for more than 65 years and has led the transportation industry in more ways than one.

"Because of Delta, we are able to fly from Atlanta to Tokyo, London and Johannesburg – and soon to China. Delta is an integral part of the world's transportation system and the hostile take-over of Delta by US Airways is not in the best interest of our hometown airline, Georgia, or her citizens."

The letter, signed by both Senate and House leadership, reiterated to Attorney General **Gonzales** that Delta and its employees have made extraordinary sacrifices to return the airline to the strong and independent carrier it was just a few short years ago. The legislators expressed concern in the letter that the "merger" with US Airways would create the largest debt load of any airline – calling it a "recipe for disaster."

"Delta means a lot to our state and provides wonderful jobs for many citizens of Georgia," Lt. Gov. **Cagle** said. "Delta has experienced difficult times, but I am convinced that Delta

standing alone will be in the best interest of all citizens, not only for Georgia, but for our nation.

“I’m confident in Delta’s team and confident that they have a strategy that spells success. We need to stand shoulder to shoulder with this great company ensuring that they stay here in Atlanta and are vibrant for the future. Before any merger is considered, we should practice due diligence by taking a close and careful look and that is why we are here to today,” **Cagle** added.

Sen. **Pearson** concluded the press conference reiterating the negative effect the loss of the airline would have on the state and the region.

“The merger will resonate throughout the metro Atlanta area, especially if US Airways decides to move its corporate hub away from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, resulting in more job loss,” Sen. **Pearson** said. “We have to remember that the hard-working citizens of this state who have families, homes and mortgage payments would be the real losers – not to mention Georgia’s business industry across the state and our citizens who would be faced with higher air fares and fewer flight options.”

Sen. **Pearson** went on to praise Delta and the community outreach programs the airline has participated in over the years. “Simply put,” he said, “the loss of Delta Air Lines would be a huge loss for the entire state of Georgia.”

Other legislators joining the press conference and signing the symbolic letter were Senate President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1st, House Speaker Pro Tempore **Mark Burkhalter** of the 50th, Sen. **Kasim Reed** of the 35th, Sen. **Valencia Seay** of the 34th, Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st, Rep. **Virgil Fludd** of the 66th and Rep. **Darryl Jordan** of the 77th.

Every member of the Georgia General Assembly signed the letter to Attorney General **Gonzales**, and it has been sent to his office.

Sen. Hill looks for ways to transform healthcare in Georgia

On Tuesday, Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd announced the details of *Senate Bill 28*, the *Insuring Georgia’s Families Act*. The legislation is a comprehensive plan to transform the way healthcare is administered in our state. It attempts to improve the system, as Sen. **Hill** said, “not by small changes, but by real change.”

“I believe that competition and the open exchange of information are essential elements to making healthcare and insurance more accessible to all our citizens,” Sen. **Hill** said. “Now is the time to join together to truly transform our healthcare system, give consumers access to the best information and provide them with a financial stake in their decisions about medical care.”

There are five key points of this legislation, free market incentives for healthcare, tax incentives, transparency and competition.

In Committee Action . . .

Administrative Affairs Committee

The Administrative Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

The Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Appropriations Committee

The Senate Appropriations Committee met in a Joint Session with the House Appropriations Committee on January 17 and January 18 for the Joint Budget Hearings on the 2007 supplemental budget and the 2008 general budget. Gov. **Perdue** addressed the committees as did agency heads from the Department of Revenue, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Transportation, the University System of Georgia, the Department of Adult and Technical Education, the Department of Education, the Department of Community Health, the Department of Corrections, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Georgia Ports Authority, the Department of Pardons and Paroles, the Georgia Road and Tollway Authority, the Department of Public Safety, the Superior Courts and the Office of Planning and Budget. Sen. **Jack Hill** of the 4th chaired the hearings along with Rep. **Ben Harbin** of the 118th.

Banking and Financial Institutions Committee

The Banking and Financial Institutions Committee did not meet this week.

Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee did not meet this week.

Education and Youth Committee

The Education and Youth Committee did not meet this week.

Ethics Committee

Chairman **Renee Unterman** of the 45th called the first meeting of the 2007 session to order on Wednesday, January 24. First, Sen. **Don Thomas** of the 54th led the Committee in devotion with a prayer. Sen. **Unterman** read the Committee rules and was adopted with a unanimous vote. The Committee then discussed issues related to budget cuts.

Finance Committee

On Monday, January 22, Chairman **Chip Rogers** of the 21st called the first meeting of the 2007 session to order. Sen. **Rogers** read the Committee Rules, and they were unanimously adopted. Sen. **Eric Johnson** of the 1st presented *Senate Bill 8*, and explained some changes that were made in Sections 2 and 3 of *SB 8*. Sen. **Bill Heath** of the 31st posed questions regarding Section 3. Sen. **Rogers** stated that he appreciates legislation that simplifies tax code. Before adjourning for the day, the Committee passed *SB 8* unanimously by substitute.

Government Oversight Committee

The Government Oversight Committee did not meet this week.

Health and Human Services Committee

The Health and Human Services Committee did not meet this week.

Higher Education Committee

Chairman **Seth Harp** of the 29th called the first meeting of the Senate Higher Education Committee to order on Wednesday, January 25. The members were introduced and the Committee rules were adopted by a unanimous vote. Members viewed a presentation from **Mike Gerber**, President of the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education. He stressed the far-reaching role of the state's colleges and universities in our state. President **Gerber** told members of the committee that the state's higher education should remain a top funding priority for the state of Georgia. Chairman **Harp** also presented committee members with a directory book of the University System of Georgia.

Insurance and Labor Committee

The Committee held its first meeting of the 2007 session on Thursday, January 18. Chairman **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47th called the roundtable hearing to order to discuss Georgia's Group Health Insurance Policy. Representatives from NFIB, Purchasing Alliance Solutions, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Etna and others spoke to the Committee members. Members of the audience said the groups must be legitimate and regulated in order for group health policies to succeed. Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd said he envisions insurance to not be based on employment, but this vision will take time. **Denis Mucha** of the Georgia Dental Association raised some concerns over peoples' lack of education in the area of insurance.

Interstate Cooperation Committee

The Interstate Cooperation Committee did not meet this week.

Joint Senate and House Economic Development Committee

Senate Chairman **Chip Pearson** of the 51st and House Chairman **Ron Stephens** of the 164th called the joint meeting to order on Tuesday, January 23. The Committees dissolved the joint meeting briefly to adopt their rules for the 2007 session. Then, *Senate Resolution 49* – a resolution urging the U.S. Department of Justice to reject the proposed U.S. Airways takeover of Delta Air Lines – passed through the Senate Committee by a unanimous vote. The Committee resumed its joint meeting with presentations from a panel of local economic developers, including **Peggy Jolley** of the Georgia Economic Developers Association, **Becca Hardin** of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, **JoAnne Lewis** of the Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce, **Pat Topping** of the Macon Economic Development Commission and others. Next, the Committee heard an update from new Commissioner **Ken Stewart**, Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Joint Senate and House Education Committee

Senate Chairman **Dan Weber** of the 40th and House Chairman **Brooks Coleman** of the 97th called a joint meeting of the Senate and House Education Committees to order on Monday, January 22. The joint Committee heard an update on Governor **Perdue's** Education Finance Task Force, *Investing in Education Excellence* (IE²), from **Dean Alford**. The Committee also heard an update from **Albert Coleman** from the *Communities in Schools of Georgia* program.

Judiciary Committee

The Senate Judiciary Committee met on January 22, and adopted the rules for the committee under the chairmanship of Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52nd. The Committee also took up *Senate Bill 15* by Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37th. *SB 15*, which passed the Committee 7-3, will change the law to make the third and subsequent offenses of driving without a license (within five years of the earlier offense), a felony, punishable by 1-5 years in prison and a possible fine of \$2,500 - \$5,000. This law will pertain to those who have never obtained a Georgia driver's license, not to those who have lost their license or just didn't have it with them at the time of the traffic stop. The legislation also requires law enforcement to make a reasonable effort to determine the individual's nationality.

Natural Resources and the Environment Committee

The Committee held its first meeting of the 2007 session on Wednesday, January 24, to adopt its rules and hear presentations. **Dan Forrester** of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources gave a presentation introducing Governor **Perdue**'s new "Go Fish Georgia" initiative. The program will aim to re-engineer the fishing industry across the state. Chairman **Ross Tolleson** of the 20th stated that the Committee will continue their work next week, detailing the economic impact of the program.

Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

The Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee did not meet this week.

Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee

The Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee did not meet this week.

Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee

The Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee did not meet this week.

Retirement Committee

The Retirement Committee did not meet this week.

Rules Committee

The Senate Rules Committee did not meet as a standing committee this week.

Science and Technology Committee

Chairman **Cecil Staton** of the 18th called the meeting to order on Monday, January 22. First, the Committee read and adopted the Committee Rules with a unanimous vote. Sen. **Staton** then discussed *Senate Bill 24*, which addresses computer security in regards to definitions and penalties for persons who provide identifying information by falsely representing themselves to be a business, otherwise known as "phishing." Sen. **Staton** then assigned *SB 24* to a subcommittee consisting of Senators **Bill Heath** of the 31st, **John Douglas** of the 17th, **Nan Orrock** of the 36th and **J.B. Powell** of the 23rd. Then, Sen. **Douglas** spoke in support of *SB 24*, and Sen. **Orrock** suggested changing language in the bill from "employee" to "employer" to avoid confusion. Next, the Committee heard from **Bill Park** with the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, who explained that the section that addresses individuals who are affected by "phishing" scams are allowed to take action, which was removed from the original bill, be inserted back into *SB 24*. The bill was amended to incorporate the changes recommended by Sen. **Orrock** and Mr. **Park**, and it passed unanimously by substitute.

Special Judiciary Committee

On Monday, January 22, Chairman **Michael Meyer von Bremen** of the 12th called the first meeting of the 2007 session to order. Sen. **Meyer von Bremen** read the Committee Rules, which were subsequently adopted. Sen. **David Shafer** of the 48th discussed *Senate Bill 11*. After questions, *SB 11* passed through the Committee unanimously. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th then presented *Senate Bill 18*. He explained it would place Municipal Court fees to fund the administration of ADR Programs. **Shinji Morokuma**, Director of the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution also clarified the bill in more detail. **Tom Gehl** of the Georgia Municipal Association said he would be glad to review and work with the committee on *SB 18*. After making a few changes, *SB 18* passed through the committee unanimously by substitute.

State Institutions and Property Committee

The State Institutions and Property Committee did not meet this week.

State and Local Governmental Operations Committee

On Wednesday, January 24, Chairman **John Wiles** of the 37th called the first meeting of the 2007 session to order. Sen. **Wiles** read the Committee Rules and the Local Legislation Rules; with unanimous votes they were both adopted. The Committee heard a presentation from Secretary of State **Karen Handel** on different aspects of election reform. Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd and Sen. **Wiles** thanked Secretary **Handel** for her diligent efforts to help the Committee. The Committee said they look forward to working with **Handel** and other departments across the state during the session.

Transportation Committee

The Senate Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, January 23. The Committee adopted its rules for the 2007 legislative session, and also considered *Senate Bill 19*. *SB 19* would allow the state to include private contractors in its negotiations with utility companies. Deputy Department of Transportation Commissioner **Buddy Graten** stated that the measure would allow for subcontractors frequently used by utility companies to be held liable for construction delays. *SB 19* passed the Committee unanimously. Transportation Board Chairman **Mike Evans** then briefly addressed the Committee, pledging the Board's support of the Senate's 2007 initiatives.

Urban Affairs Committee

The Urban Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

The Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee did not meet this week.

Georgia State Senate First Readers

(Monday, January 22 – Thursday January 25, 2007)

Senate Resolutions

- SR 5 Taxpayers Dividend Act; restrict amendments that increase appropriations made by General Appropriations Act**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Judson Hill** (32nd); **John Wiles** (37th); and others
Finance Committee – 01/24/07
- SR 34 Epps, Ben; recognize**
Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Jack Hill** (4th); **Bill Heath** (31st)
Read and adopted - 01/22/07
- SR 35 Solomon, Lucy Gadsden; honoring**
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and adopted - 01/22/07
- SR 36 Rodney, Elder Damon J.; recognize**
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 37 Crenshaw, Tyler Truitt; commend**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 38 Green, Lamar; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 39 Perry, Mike; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 40 North Metro Miracle League; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 41 Snipes, Pat; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 42 Kluger, Sandy; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 43 Keyes, Vanetta; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 44 Markakis, Nicholas William; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 45 Entrekin, Josie; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07

- SR 46 Ebbeskotte, Nicole; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 47 Jones, Ms. Leeann; Ms. Diana Calvert; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 48 Southers, Mr. Greg; recognize**
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st) and **Jack Murphy** (27th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 49 Justice, Dept. of U.S.; urged to oppose the proposed unsolicited takeover of Delta Air Lines**
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Bill Heath** (31st)
Economic Development Committee – 01/22/07
- SR 50 Columbus Northern Little Leaguers; congratulate**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 51 Bremen High School Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Squad; commend**
Sen. **Bill Heath** (31st)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 52 Lee, General Robert Edward; recognize bicentennial anniversary**
Sens. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th); **John Bulloch** (11th); **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 53 Brophy, Kevin; condolences**
Sen. **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Read and adopted – 01/22/07
- SR 54 Georgia Association of Health Underwriters; recognize**
Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 55 Rondem, Colonel Debra Conrad; commend**
Sen. **Jack Hill** (4th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 56 Steele, Della; commend**
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 57 New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church; recognize**
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR58 Humes II, James Edward; condolences**
Sens. **Ed Harbison** (15th) and **Seth Harp** (29th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 59 McCorvey Sr.; Rev. Albert; commend**
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 60 Brown, Mr. Thomas Watson; condolences**
Sen. **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07

- SR 61** **Northside High School Eagles Football Team; commend**
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th) and **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 62** **Stripling, Charles Mitchell “C.M.”; condolences**
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **John Bulloch** (11th);
George Hooks (14th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 63** **L.M. Moye, Jr. Memorial Bridge; Stewart County; dedicate**
Sen. **George Hooks** (14th)
Transportation Committee – 01/23/07
- SR 64** **Simmons, Mr. Benjamin; congratulate**
Sen. **Vincent Fort** (39th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 65** **Carroll County Chamber of Commerce; recognize**
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Read and adopted – 01/23/07
- SR 66** **Shortage of Doctors and Nurses; create Senate Study Committee; create**
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Eric Johnson** (1st);
David Shafer (48th); **Ronnie Chance** (16th); **Dan Moody** (56th); and others
Health and Human Services – 01/24/07
- SR 67** **Underwood, President William D.; commend**
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Robert Brown** (26th);
Michael Meyer von Bremen (12th); **Seth Harp** (29th);
George Hooks (14th)
Read and adopted – 01/24/07
- SR 68** **William H. “Sonny Boy” Skipper Maintenance Headquarters; dedicate**
Sen. **Tommie Williams** (19th)
State Institutions and Property – 01/24/07
- SR 69** **Guillebeau, Dr. Frank Dempsey; condolences**
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and adopted – 01/24/07
- SR 70** **Shockley Jr., Donald Eugene “DJ”; commend**
Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th); **Kasim Reed** (35th); **Jim Whitehead Sr.** (24th);
Bill Cowsert (46th); **Steve Thompson** (33rd); and others
Read and adopted 01/24/07
- SR 71** **Alcohol Regulations; create Senate Study Committee; create**
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd);
Preston Smith (52nd); **Seth Harp** (29th); and others
Regulated Industries and Utilities – 01/24/07
- SR 72** **Esswein, Mitchell; commend**
Sen. **Don Balfour** (9th)
Read and adopted – 01/24/07
- SR 73** **McCorvey, Sr., Rev. Albert; commend**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and adopted – 01/24/07

- SR 74** **Georgia General Assembly Fiscal Office Maintenance Staff; commend**
 Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Robert Brown** (26th); **George Hooks** (14th); **Ed Harbison** (15th); and others
Read and adopted – 01/24/07
- SR 75** **Jennings III, Mr. Phillip; recognize**
 Sen. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 76** **Lundquist, Steve; recognize**
 Sens. **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Gail Davenport** (44th)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 77** **Living Way Christian Academy Day**
 Sens. **Don Thomas** (54th); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 78** **Victor, Mr. Walton John; commend**
 Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51st)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 79** **Piedmont Mountainside Hospital; commend**
 Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51st)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 80** **Adams, Mr. Sandy L; commend**
 Sen. **Chip Pearson** (51st)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 81** **Islamic Republic of Iran; condemning the nuclear program**
 Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th); **John Douglas** (17th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th); and others
Veterans and Military Affairs Committee – 01/25/07
- SR 82** **Bryant, Mr. Gerald; commend**
 Sens. **Joseph Carter** (13th); **Ronnie Chance** (16th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Robert Brown** (26th); **David Adelman** (42nd); and others
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 83** **Wilson, Cecil Clarence; congratulations**
 Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st) and **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07
- SR 84** **Technical College System of Georgia Day**
 Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Bill Cowsert** (46th); **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Gail Davenport** (44th)
Read and adopted – 01/25/07

Senate Bills:

- SB 1 Sexual Offenders; unlawful to photograph minors; penalties**
Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th);
John Wiles (37th)
Judiciary Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 4 Motor Vehicles; license/registration false statement; penalties**
Sens. **John Douglas** (17th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Cecil Staton** (18th);
David Shafer (48th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 5 Secure and Verifiable Identity Document Act; drivers' licenses; provisions**
Sens. **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Jim Whitehead**, (24th);
David Shafer (48th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 13 Labor; minimum wage law; substantive/comprehensive reform of provisions**
Sens. **Robert Brown** (26th) and **Gail Davenport** (44th)
Insurance and Labor Committee – 01/25/07
- SB 25 License Plates; driver's license; issuance; payment; proof of citizenship**
Sens. **John Douglas** (17th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Cecil Staton** (18th);
David Shafer (48th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 26 Alcoholic Beverages; local authorization of sales on Sunday; provide procedures**
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Doug Stoner** (6th);
David Adelman (42nd); **John Bulloch** (11th); and others
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 27 Vessels; abandon; revocation of certificates of number have not been redeemed**
Sens. **Eric Johnson** (1st) and **Jeff Chapman** (3rd)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 28 Insuring Georgia's Families Act**
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Don Thomas** (54th); **Chip Rogers** (21st);
Greg Goggans (7th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th); and others
Insurance and Labor Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 29 Budget/Financial Affairs; create state budget website for public to view**
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th); **David Shafer** (48th); **Chip Rogers** (21st);
Ross Tolleson (20th); **Jeff Chapman** (3rd); and others
Appropriations Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 30 Armed Forces; members; prohibit certain uses of names/pictures; penalties**
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th); **John Douglas** (17th); **Ross Tolleson** (20th);
Emanuel Jones (10th); **Jack Murphy** (27th); and others
Special Judiciary Committee – 01/22/07
- SB 31 Port Wentworth, City of; city council districts; definitions and inclusions**
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 01/23/07

- SB 32** **Doraville, City of; change the corporate limits of the city**
 Sen. **Dan Weber** (40th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 33** **Emergency Management; state-wide first responder building mapping**
 Sens. **Ed Harbison** (15th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Robert Brown** (26th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 34** **Penal Institutions; possession of photograph of victims; prohibit**
 Sens. **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Chip Rogers** (21st); **David Shafer** (48th);
Greg Goggans (7th); **Renee Unterman** (45th); and others
Judiciary Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 35** **Georgia, University Sys.; students completed home study program; rules/reg.**
 Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Dan Weber** (40th); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Higher Education Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 36** **Peace Officers Standards and Training; certified investigators; salary increase**
 Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Appropriations Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 37** **Criminal Procedures; allow change of sentence under certain circumstances**
 Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Dan Weber** (40th); **Kasim Reed** (35th);
Robert Brown (26th); **Horacena Tate** (38th); and others
Judiciary Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 38** **Motor Vehicles; vehicle registration; require driver's license/ID card**
 Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Jim Whitehead Sr.**, (24th); **Joseph Carter** (13th);
Jeff Mullis (53rd); **Jeff Chapman** (3rd); and others
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 39** **Charter Systems Act; establishment of charter schools**
 Sens. **Dan Weber** (40th); **Dan Moody** (56th); **Tommie Williams** (19th);
Ed Tarver (22nd); **Joseph Carter** (13th); and others
Education and Youth Committee – 01/23/07
- SB 40** **Elections; fraudulent acts; increase penalties**
 Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Chip Rogers** (21st);
Eric Johnson (1st); **David Shafer** (48th); and others
Ethics Committee – 01/24/07
- SB 41** **Civil Practice; provide for service upon persons residing in gated communities**
 Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **David Adelman** (42nd);
Michael Meyer von Bremen (12th)
Special Judiciary – 01/24/07
- SB 42** **Child Support Recovery; collections; Dept. of Human Resources to impose fees**
 Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Don Thomas** (54th); **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Judiciary Committee – 01/24/07
- SB 43** **Firearms; locked motor vehicles; prohibit employers from prohibiting employee**
 Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Jim Whitehead Sr.**, (24th);
Tommie Williams (19th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Bill Heath** (31st); and others
Judiciary Committee – 01/24/07

- SB 44** **Georgia Fire Officer Development Act; fire officer development training; definitions**
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